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## AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 7, 2003, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.